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For: PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM AN ANTIGEN RECOGNIZED BY AUTOANTIBODIES FROM PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, ANTIBODY DIRECTED AGAINST SAID PEPTIDE, A COMBINATORIAL ANTIGEN, AND A METHOD OF DETECTING AUTO-IMMUNE ANTIBODIES

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A peptide derived from an antigen recognized by autoantibodies from patients with rheumatoid arthritis, which peptide is reactive with autoimmune antibodies from a patient suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, [characterized in that] wherein the derived peptide that is reactive with autoimmune antibodies[,] corresponds to a part of a RNA molecule coding for the antigen, said part comprising a codon for an arginine residue, and the arginine residue in the derived peptide, which is reactive with autoimmune antibodies, is a modified arginine residue.

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